

Looking Beyond the Border:

International Issues of Cooperation and Comparability

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Because water does not respect jurisdictional boundaries, nations share waterbodies and watersheds. Without integrated approaches to ensure consistent and comparable data across these boundaries, there is considerable redundancy, inefficiency, and potential conflict. This workshop will highlight examples of transboundary water management and related monitoring. Speakers will provide a context in which binational partnerships have successfully balanced environmental considerations with the need to provide water for growing industries and populations. We will explore the factors leading to true collaboration, the obstacles impeding progress, and the institutional framework required to ensure water quality data comparability and international cooperation.

This workshop will also include the following presentations:

Volunteer Lake Monitoring in the Border Region of Estonia, Latvia, and Russia, **Sarah Lehmann, USEPA, Region 5**

Implementation of Monitoring Requirements for the New European Water Policy, **Jos Timmerman, Institute for Inland Water Management and Waste Water Treatment RIZA**

Comparing Water Quality Monitoring Requirements in European and United States Laws, **Robert Ward, Colorado State University**